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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend as follows.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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| | NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | | EXTRA PRESENT | | RATE | ADDIT. FEE |
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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. XX If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. XX If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. XX If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.